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HIS  
SPEECH in Parliament.

Declaring the great and manifold  
grievances of this Kingdome, both in  
Church and Common-wealth.

Occasioned by the wicked practises and Ar-  
bitrary power of the disturbers and subverters  
of our peace, our liberties, and our  
Lawes.



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IN PARLIAMENT.

*Mr. Speaker :*

**T**HE times of Action are not for *Rhetoricke* and *Elocution*, which emboldens mee to rise, and though I must needs know my selfe to be one of the youngest Schollers, and youngest proficient, in this great Schoole of wisdom, yet I conceive it a great part of my duty at this time, both to deliver my sense and Conscience.

We are called hither, *Mr. Speaker*, by the Kings Regall power, we sit here by the Kings Majesties grace and favour : and since his Majestie hath bin so gracious as to leave the *Government* in our hands, I doubt not, but we shall lay such a foundation, the beginning of this *Parliament*, that we shall make it a happy age, a long and a lasting one, since the eminent dangers of these times, the present distempers of these estates ; herein his Majesty and our owne necessity, yea and the Kingdomes safety, doth require it,

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we are now called as I conceive of the report now of his Majesties Declaration, for 4. principall causes.

1. First, The supplying of his Majesties wants.
2. Secondly, For the reliefe of our Brethren.
3. Thirdly, For the redresse of our grievances.
4. And Fourthly, For the remove of the Scottish Army.

That his Majesties wants are great and many, Mr. Speaker, I thinke there is no body doubts, and it is as certaine our grievances are so too, they are great and many both in Church and Common-wealth.

I shall but touch them in either, since they have already beene so fully demonstrated, both in the Church, by the usurping power and pacification of some Prelates and their adherents.

By which meanes, many great dangers, innovations of Doctrine, of Discipline, of Government have beene thrust out upon us, by publique sufferances, and Priests, & Jesuites permitted and suffered, not onely to come, but to abide and reside in the Land, by which meanes the number of the Romish Catholiques are dangerously multiplyed, Idolatry encreased, and Gods heavy Judgement is highly provoked in the Common-wealth, by the late and great innovations of the Prerogative Royall, which have broke out, and almost overturned all our liberties, even those which have beene best and strongest fortified, the great Charter it selfe.

Mr. Speaker, that which hath beene so often, so solemnely confirmed by succession of so many Princes, ratified by his Majesties Raigne, founded by former

mer ages, purposed to keepe the beames even and right, betweene Sovereigne and Subject.

This Mr. *Speaker*, the dearest and surest part of our inheritance, hath beene infringed, broken and set at naught, In the Common wealth the over-potency of some few great ones, sacred Counsellours of State, frō whose advice 'tis thought the greatest part of their distempers, under which the body of the Common-wealth at this time labours, derives their originals, by their mischievous practises, and policies of some subtle projectors, which under the title of the Kings profite, and goods, and the publique good, have entituled themselves to a vast and great estate, and by the dammage of the whole Kingdome,

They are Mr. *Speaker*, the very Mothes and Canckers, that have eaten out all Trade and Commerce, the very beauty, health, and strength, and the life of this famous Island, in the Common-wealth by the over long, large entertainment of forrainers and strangers, and that at his Majesties excessive charge; by which meanes his Majesties Coffers are emptyed, his Revenue shortned, and the Kingdome many other wayes oppressed.

But Mr. *Speaker*, I shall not travell my selfe any further, in so long, so vast a field, I shall now shortly represent my owne weake apprehensions of our progressions in all these particulars, for which we have beene called, and in all humility submit them, and first of his Majesties supply.

I doe humbly desire we may proceed therewith in due time, and that with all Loyalty, Dutie, and Liberty, as ever any People expressed towards their Prince, J thinke I may confidently say, the present affaires of the Kingdome require it, in the reliefe of our *Brethren* in the *North parts*, with a sense of Charity, and fellow-feeling of their *Miseries, Afflictions, and Losses*, and the Remove of the *Scottish forces*, with a soft and gentle hand, of moderation, pacification, and reconciliation, if possible it may be done with his Majesties Honour, and the Kingdomes safety: If not, and that they shall still refuse to part in peace, then to Repell and Repulse them with force and Rigorous spirits, with valiant and united hearts and hands, such as shall best become the Honour and Antient Renowne of our English Nation.

In Redresse of our Grievances of those of the Church, which ought to have the priority in our consultations, as well in respect of the necessity and dignity: In these, *Mr. Speaker*, I doe humbly desire, and doubt not but we shall proceed with all true Piety, and well and right grounded zeale towards God, his house, & his truth; In these of the *Common-wealth*, with a Religious care of the Countreyes freedome in the faithfull performance of the trust reposed in us, by them that sent us, in preservation of our antient Rights, the Rights of our inheritance, our Liberties, our Priviledges, our Properties, yet in all, *Mr. Speaker*, I doe humbly sue, we may proceed as best suiting the Nature and condition of these distemper'd times,

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